

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently Amended)** A hybrid plant having two or more copies of a gametic fertility restorer gene at two or more gene loci which do not have a complete linkage relationship.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The hybrid plant according to Claim 1, which has two to four copies of [[a]] the gametic fertility restorer gene at two to four gene loci which do not have a complete linkage relationship.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The hybrid plant according to Claim 1, wherein multiple copies of the gametic fertility restorer gene[[s]] are located on distinct chromosomes.

4. **(Cancelled)**

5. **(Currently Amended)** The hybrid plant according to Claim 1, wherein the hybrid plant is rice and the gametic fertility restorer gene is the rice restorer gene for BT-type male sterility.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The hybrid plant according to Claim 5, wherein the rice restorer gene for BT-type male sterility is a nucleic acid which encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID [[NO.]] NO: 49, or an amino acid sequence which is at least 70% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID [[NO.]] NO: 49, and which functions to restore fertility.

7. **(Currently Amended)** A method for producing the hybrid plant of Claim 1, comprising introducing a gametic fertility restorer gene by genetic engineering and placing two or more copies of [[a]] the gametic fertility restorer gene at two or more gene loci which do not have a complete linkage relationship.

8. **(Currently Amended)** The method for producing the hybrid plant according to Claim 7, which comprises:

1) introducing a gametic fertility restorer gene by genetic engineering to produce a plant

of fertility restoring line containing multiple copies of the gametic fertility restorer gene[[s]] homozygously at two or more loci; and

2) crossing the plant of fertility restoring line produced by the step of 1) with a plant of sterility line.

9. (Currently Amended) A plant of fertility restoring line containing [[the]] a gametic fertility restorer gene[[s]] homozygously at two or more loci.

10. (Currently Amended) The hybrid plant according to Claim 1, having higher seed fertility under a low temperature condition compared to an individual that has only one copy of the gametic fertility restorer gene at a single locus, and wherein the gametic restorer gene is heterozygous at that locus a hetero-individual of a single loci for the fertility restorer gene having only a single copy of the fertility restorer gene.